

from purchasers at the computer, the predefined information including biographical information about the purchasers, information about at least one lottery whose tickets the purchasers wishes to buy, and information about the purchasers' desire to enter a group,

(b) causing the at least one server to store the predefined information, to form, a virtual group of purchasers of lottery tickets based on the predefined information, and to store group information,

(c) causing the server to electronically purchase the lottery tickets for the virtual group of purchasers according to the group information and the lottery information; and

(d) causing the server to communicate results of the lottery ticket purchases to the purchasers using the group information.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the group information includes biographical information of the purchasers and one or more of the purchaser's telephone numbers, fax numbers, cellular telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the lottery information includes one or more of the lottery type, purchase volume, purchase interval, lottery number selection, tracking interval, payment method, distribution and notification method for the virtual group.
11. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of creating a chat room for the virtual group where the purchasers discuss the lottery tickets with each other over the Internet.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising the steps of:
 - (e) determining whether any of the purchasers is online over the Internet;

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further including the steps of repeating steps (c) and (d) according to the group information and the lottery information, unless any of the group information and the lottery information is changed.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further including the step of permitting the purchaser to track the results of the selected lottery over the Internet.